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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 6 AUGUST 1974

SUBJECT: SERIOUS BANGLADESH FLOODS

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25X1A2g

PRIME MINISTER MUJIB HAS TERMED THE CURRENT FLOODS IN
BANGLADESH THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO HIS RULE SINCE HE BECAME
PRIME MINISTER IN 1972, [REDACTED] 25X1X4

HE BELIEVES THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD FOR THE COUNTRY
WILL BE FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER AND THAT FLOOD DAMAGE TO
STANDING CROPS AND RICE STORES WILL LEAD TO SHORTAGES AND HIGHER
PRICES FOR FOOD WHICH, IN TURN, WILL RESULT IN CIVIL UNREST.
HE ALLEGEDLY FEARS THAT THESE DISRUPTIONS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD
TO A MASS UPRISING WHICH COULD TOPPLE HIS GOVERNMENT. THESE

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FEARS HAVE REINFORCED HIS DETERMINATION TO SECURE GREATER CENTRALIZED CONTROL BY CHANGING BANGLADESH'S PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO A STRONGER PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM.

MUJIB IS LOOKING FOR MASSIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. HE ASSERTED THAT HE EXPECTS THE US TO PROVIDE NECESSARY AID TO MEET THIS CRISIS EITHER THROUGH BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. ADDITIONALLY, MUJIB SAID HE HAS WRITTEN OFF MOSCOW AS A SOURCE OF AID, CLAIMING THE SOVIETS GIVE SUGGESTIONS BUT NEVER ANY MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THEIR ADVICE.

ACCORDING TO DATA GATHERED [REDACTED] AND 25X1X4 REPORTED YESTERDAY, THIS YEAR'S FLOODING IS MORE SERIOUS THAN NORMAL BUT IS LESS WIDESPREAD THAN BANGLADESH OFFICIALS CLAIM. THE SITUATION DOES NOT, THEREFORE, SUBSTANTIATE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT THE FLOODS ARE YET OF UNPRECEDENTED SEVERITY.

5X1X4 [REDACTED] IN THE CONTEXT OF 3 BANGLADESH'S ALREADY BLEAK ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND HEAVY POPULATION BURDEN, CONTINUED HEAVY RAINS COULD LEAD TO THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS IN TWO DECADES. E-2 IMPDET.

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